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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents listed are also enclosed.

> U.S. Patent No. 6,003,070 U.S. Patent No. 5,819,110

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated December 12, 2003 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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